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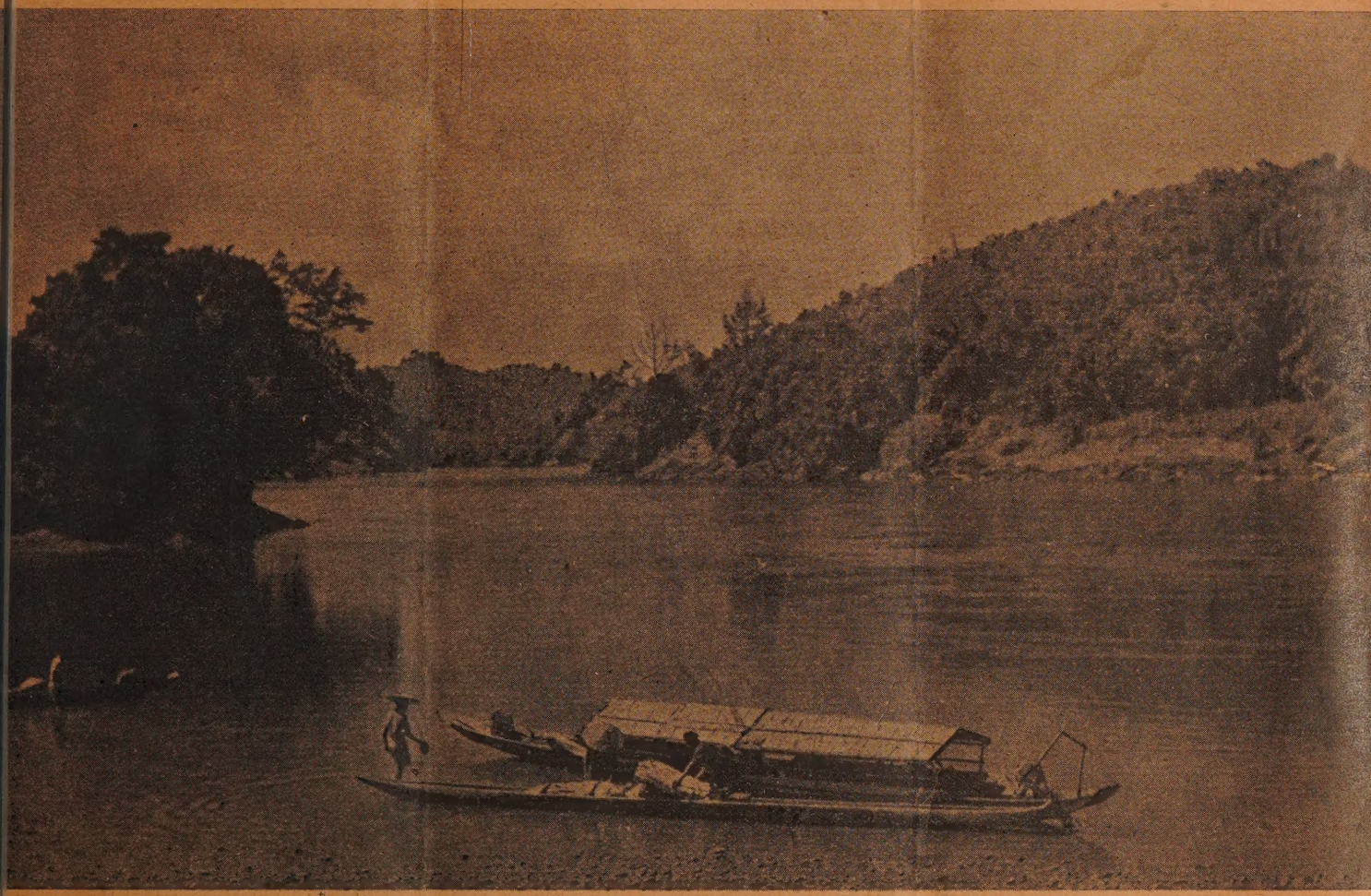

—*Baughman*

**Dyak long-boats on the Balei River in the region from whence we draw students for our Methodist Iban School in Kapit.**

## Special Issue For Our Oversea Friends

**The Malaysia Message presents this pictorial issue as a Christmas Greeting to our many friends. We have attempted to portray by means of pictures what THE METHODIST CHURCH is doing in Malaya, Borneo and Sumatra. You will find pictures of our activities in the Churches, in the Methodist Youth Fellowship, and in our day schools. The pictures have appeared in previous issues of the magazine and are presented here with a minimum of reading matter to give you a bird's-eye view of post-war Methodism in South East Asia.**

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**Parents' Day at the Chinese Church, Penang with twenty pound cake presented to the eighty members, who were over fifty years old and who were the guests of honour.**

**Primary girls at the Fairfield Girls' School, Singapore, drinking milk during the recess hour**

*—H.B.A.*

**Two faithful Church workers who for many years were in the Sunday School and choirs of the Wesley Church, Singapore. The one on the left is Miss Prissy Keun now an invalid and unable to attend services. Miss Blanche Yzelman is on the right. For many years she was the Director of the Junior choir which sang in the morning services of worship. Although Miss Yzelman no longer takes an active part she is still a faithful attendant of the Church and the W.S.C.S.**

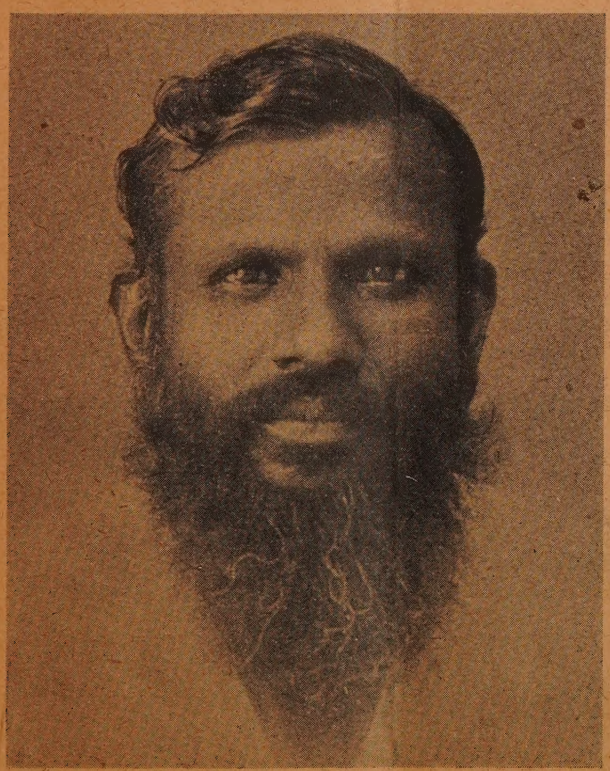
The Rev. Goh Hood Keng, J.P. pastor of the Straits Chinese Church, Singapore since 1927.

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman with Deacons and Elders of the Malaya Annual Conference ordained at the March session. Bishop Cushman held the Malaya and the Chinese Malaysia Annual Conferences in March 1949, following the death of the late Bishop Edwin F. Lee.

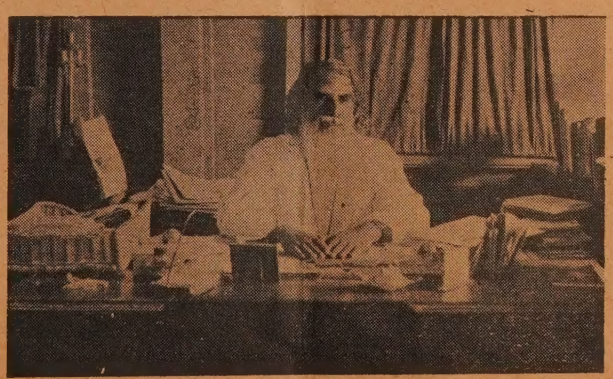
# Methodist Pastors

THE STRENGTH of Malayan Methodism is found in our loyal and hard-working pastors. These men represent the major racial groups and languages ministered to by the Methodist Church in South Eastern Asia.

The Rev. Yeh Un Han, editor of "The Southern" Bell our Chinese magazine.



The Rev. Anban Devadason a faithful supply pastor who had served our Tamil churches in Malaya for thirty years and who now has retired in South India.



The Rev. J. W. A. Kadirgamar Editor of "The Light of Salvation," and Pastor of the Klang Tamil Church.

Methodist Boys' School swimming team

Miss Mabel Marsh, M.B.E.

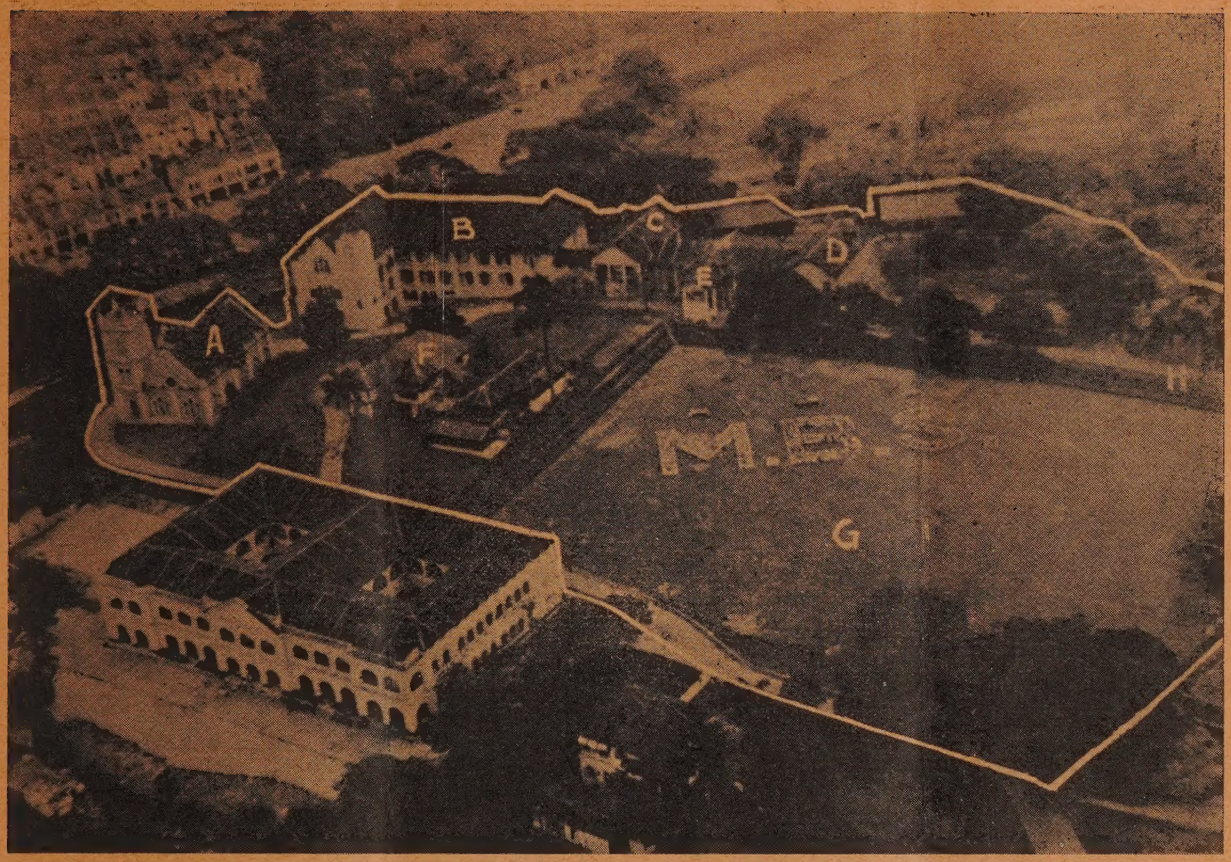
**Miss Marsh is the first American missionary in Malaya to receive birthday honours from the King and her recognition in June 1948, for nearly forty years of service to the girlhood of Malaya, was well merited.**

**The Rev. P. L. Peach, for many years principal of the Methodist Boys' School, addressing the boys and visitors at their annual sports in 1948.**

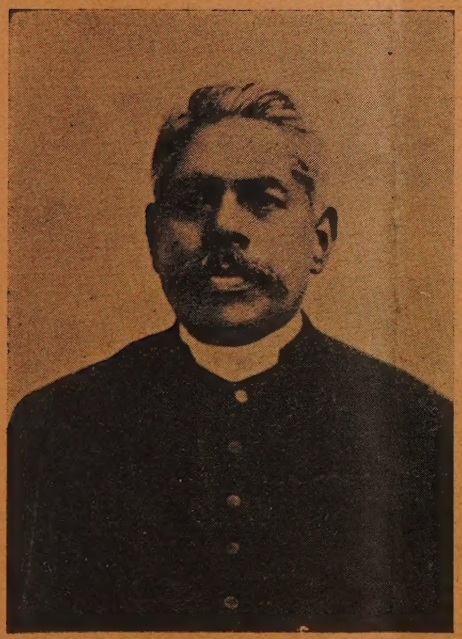
## Kuala Lumpur

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL of Malaya is also a very important center of Malayan Methodism. Four active congregations, the Wesley Church, the Hokkien Chinese Church and two Tamil Churches are the foci about which our work is centered. Two large schools, the Methodist Boys' School and the Methodist Girls' School are leaders in education.

**The first unit of the new Methodist Girls' School buildings being erected in Kuala Lumpur**




An air photo of the Methodist Boys' School, the Wesley Church and two Mission residences at Kuala Lumpur This property is located on a hill in the very center of the city and thus forms an important land mark in the Federal capital.



The Rev. Samuel Abraham, the first Headmaster

H.H. The Sultan of Selangor and H.H. the Tengku Ampuan being shown handwork of the Methodist Boys' School by the Rev. and Mrs. Abel Eklund

**A typical Sakai clearing and house in Pahang in the region where our Home Missionary Society has been working.**

# Home Missionary Society

THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY of The Methodist Church in Malaya was launched in 1930. The Rev. S. S. Pakianathan was its first President and Dr. Paul B. Means, the first missionary to take an active interest in the work among the Sakai people. In 1937 Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy became the President and some time later the Rev. Burr Baughman was assigned as missionary to the Sakai people. The Sakai, or Sengoi people, are the aborigines living in the highlands of Malaya. Our work among them began in the Cameron Highlands where we had Mission stations at the 9th Mile and the 15th Mile, with two Batak workers under the pay of the H.M.S. Our biggest work was in the Jelai River Valley in Pahang. For the present, due to political reasons, we have had to stop this work and are now concentrating our efforts on the Dyaks in Borneo.

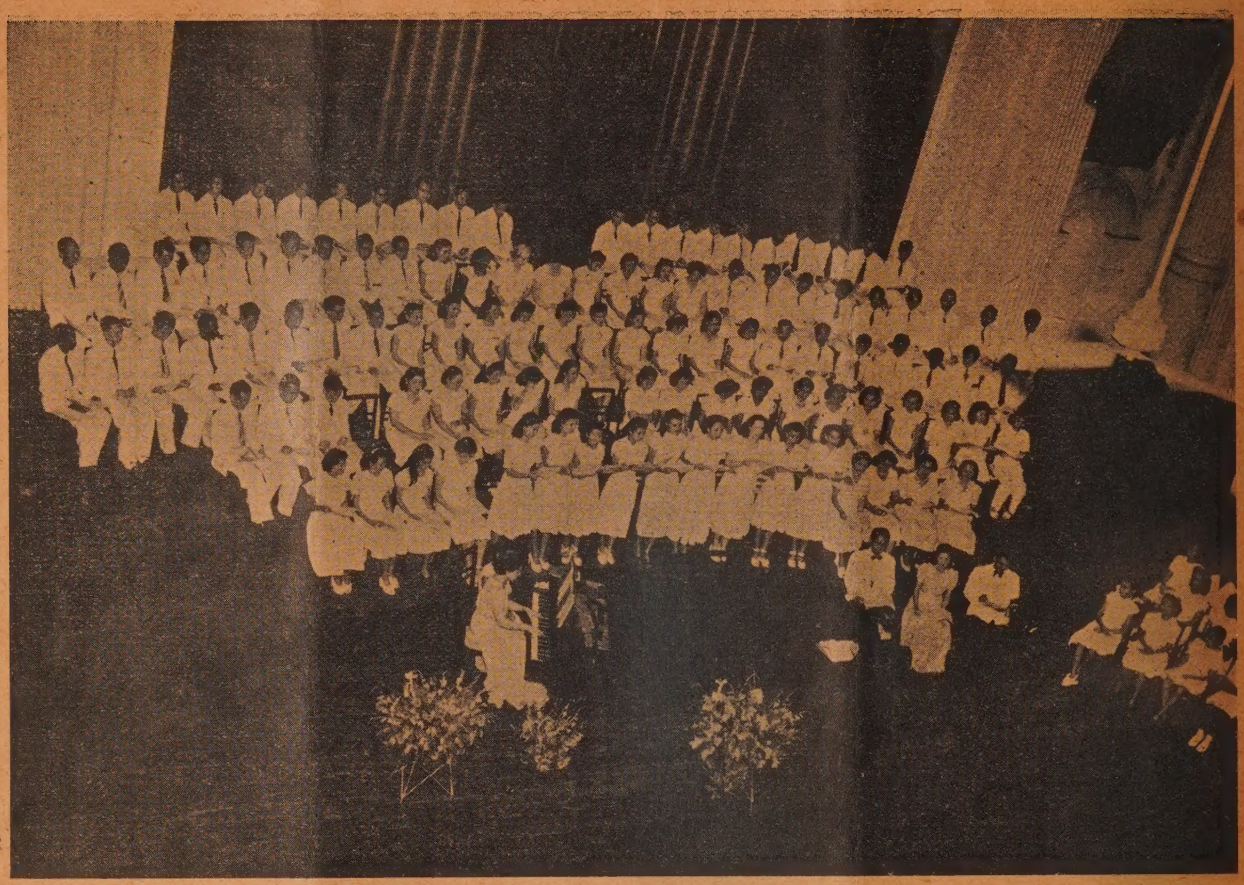
**Scene at the Kampar A.C.S. Speech Day function showing the Mentri Besar, Perak, arriving, speaking, reviewing the Guard of Honour, and Mr. Teh Seck Eng, speaking on behalf of the old boys. Mr. V. D. Kuppusamy is principal of this large school.**

—*Remoebl*

**The late Guru Komat and a group of Sengoi (Sakai) friends**

THE RAUB PROJECT should have been launched many years ago for this is an area in which no Church is working and where there is great need of the Gospel. The new buildings shown below were built in 1947 and the Home Missionary Society contributed $10,000 to this. A congregation meets weekly in this school and a strong M.Y.F. was founded there in 1947, as well as an active Sunday School. Miss Norma Craven is the Principal for the School.

**Newly opened Mission station at Raub, Pahang, a project of our Home Missionary Sciety. Left: New teachers for this school with the Rev. and Mrs. Abel Eklund. Mr. Eklund is the District Suprintendent of this work.**



Trinity College choir under the direction of Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Thomas, singing *Handels Messiah* in the Victoria Memorial Hall, Singapore, May 1949. This choir was formed from the Choral singing class open to the public.

## TRINITY COLLEGE, SINGAPORE

The Trinity College, now an interdenominational College under the Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican Churches, is the offspring of the prewar Malayan Methidist Theological College. Trinity College was opened October 4th, 1949. It is the first inter-church project in Malaya.

Trinity College students and Faculty during the second term of the first year of the College 1948/49.

At the M.Y.F. Institute Concert in the Methodist Girls' School Hall in August. Dr. and Mrs. M. Dodsworth, Miss Faye Straley, Miss M. Mitchell, the Rev. Chew Hock Hin, Dean, and others

Three Chinese girls typical of the girls who live at Shellabear Hall

# Malacca Town

MALACCA IS ONE of our oldest Mission stations and boasts the most beautiful compound and grounds in Malaya. Besides the Chinese, Tamil Indian and Wesley (English) congregations we have the fine boys and girls schools, each with splendid new buildings.

Shellabear Hall is our largest girls boarding school. This institution has a long record of loving assistance to the girlhood of Malaya. This boarding school tries to fit girls for life by teaching them useful arts and training them in habits of industry and dependability. It had its beginning in 1905 when one Chinese girl came to live in the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Shellabear. Many of the former girls are now teachers, nurses, and homemakers. One is a school principal. One has graduated from a College in America.

The Anglo Chinese School has a new site and fine new buildings which were erected and dedicated just two weeks before the attack by the Japanese.

The Tenth Anniversary of the Straits Chinese Church. The Rev. Chew Hock Hin, District Superintendent in centre front. The Hon. Mr. Tan Cheng Lock, guest speaker on his left.

The Anglo-Chinese Girls' School, Ipoh

Lady Teacher Girls' School, Taiping. A new addition to this school is almost completed.

## METHODISM LEADS IN ITS SCHOOLS IN MALAYA

METHODISM is very strong in the State of Perak and especially proud of its fine schools in Ipoh and Taiping. We have thirty-five hundred students in our four schools in Ipoh alone. Other schools in this State are located in Sitiawan, Telok Anson, Sungei Siput, and Kampar. Our Schools are a fertile field for evangelism and our M.Y.F. youth come from them.

The Sunday Service at the M. Y. F. All Malayan Institute in the A. C. S. Hall, Ipoh, April 1948

Malay girls in our Taiping School taking part in the Jubilee concert

Ipoh A.C.S. presents "Macbeth"

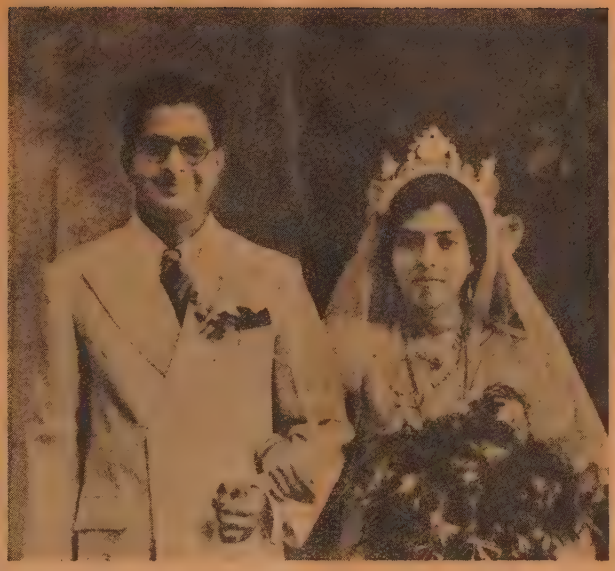
Left: Mr. Harold Wakefield, producer. Centre: Jamit Singh as Macduff. Right Miss Lam Yee Cheng as Lady Macbeth and P. Subramaniam as Macbeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Ling Ting Hang of Ipoh and Sitiawan. These young people represent two well-known Christian families and both are members of our Church in Ipoh.

A double wedding uniting two sons of the Rev. Low Kway Song, Lucky and Happy, and their brides.

Marriage and the Christian Home are strongly stressed in Malayan Methodism. Our M.Y.F. Youth expect to be married in their churches by their pastors.

Many tiered cakes are the usual thing at the receptions which inevitably follow the weddings. Western custom is largely followed at both weddings and receptions.



Mr. and Mrs. George Devasahayan of Penang. Mr. Devasahayan was former President of the Tamil M. Y. F.

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THE MARRIAGES of our young people are always in the Churches and these pictures give a good idea of the bridal dresses, veils and flowers worn by our lovely Malayan brides.

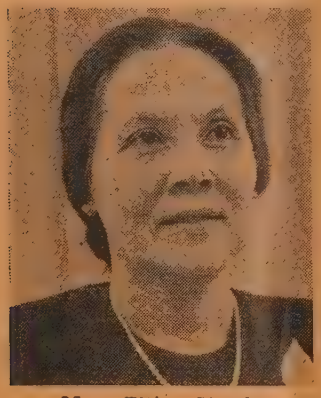
Mr. and Mrs. Kay Chwee Thong

The Members of the Malaya Annual Conference and the Malaysia Chinese Annu
ference photographed January 8, 1948 with the late Bishop Edwin F. Lee and M
These were Bishop Lee's last Conferences.

Bishop Edwin F. Lee-1928

## BISHOP EDWIN F. LEE

"IN MY OPINION, BISHOP LEE was called to leadership in Malaya for a
like ours—a day of great progress. His wide experience as a missiona
pastor and Army Chaplain—his contacts with Governments, Churches, a
great leaders in many parts of the world, have given him an understanding a
a world outlook, which have contributed greatly to his success as an admin
trator. A spirit of fairness and generosity has always characterized him in
dealings with those under his leadership. The welfare of all his fellow-work
has been close to his heart. The notable increase in church membership and
the building of churches, in the enrollment of our schools and the improvem
of our school accommodations, is all largely due to his foresight and wise guidan
Indigenous leadership has been greatly encouraged by Bishop Lee. Bishop L
gracious approach to Government Officials and other leaders throughout
country, has secured for our programme as a Christian Church and Mission b
recognition and appreciation." —*Abel Eklund.*



Mrs. Ellice Handy

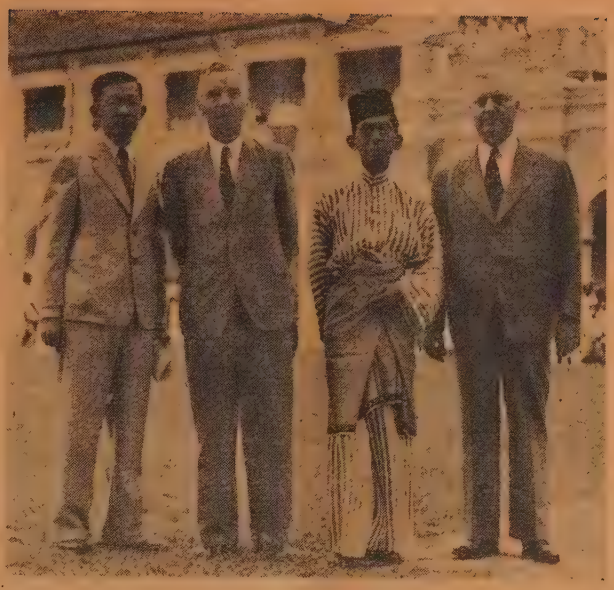
Mrs. Tay Lian Teck

Mrs. Thomas Heppel

Mrs. Roland Lyne

Malayan Methodism proudly claims these eight outstanding wome
by the Government of Singapore in 1948. These women represe

At the Golden Jubilee of the A.C.S. Ipoh Oct. 24, 1947 Left to right: Dr. Ho Seng Ong, Principal; His Excellency the late Sir Edward Gent, Governor of the Malayan Union; His Highness the late Sir Abdul Aziz, Sultan of Perak, the late Bishop Edwin F. Lee.



Bishop Edwin F. Lee-1948

The Supreme Court and Municipal building of the city Bishop Lee loved so much. Methodism, too, has fine buildings in the city of Singapore, among them six Churches and five Schools, some of which Bishop Lee helped to build.

Mrs. Goh Kok Kee

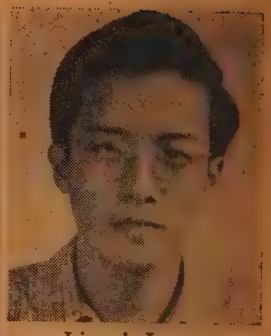
Mrs. Loh Poon Lip

Mrs. Arthur Thevathasan

Lady Han Hoe Lim

were among the eighteen women Justices of the Peace appointed r national groups: Chinese, Indian, Eurasian and European.

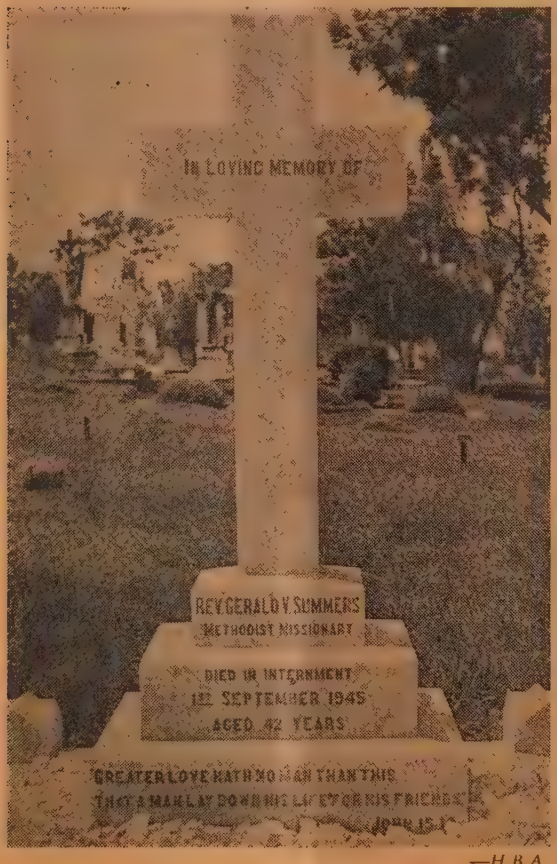
The Sumatra Provisional Annual Conference with the visiting bishop, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman.



Lionel Lee a student in America

MALAYA METHODISM includes our work on the large island of Sumatra where our missionaries and pastors are working against great odds.

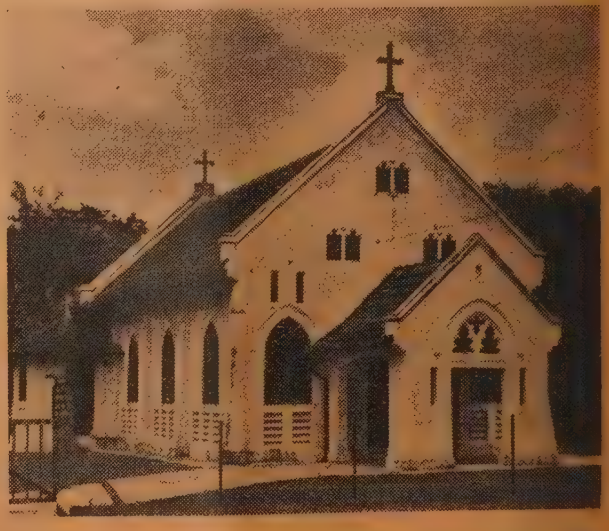
The two small churches on this page represent types of buildings found in various parts of Malaysia.



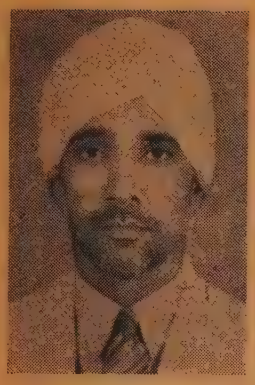

—*H.B.A.*

Rev. Gerald V. Summers was our resident missionary in Sarawak prewar and died in internment in Singapore

Methodist Chapel at the Alexandra Brick Works, Singapore



The Methodist Church in Taiping which serves two congregations



Gurdial Singh

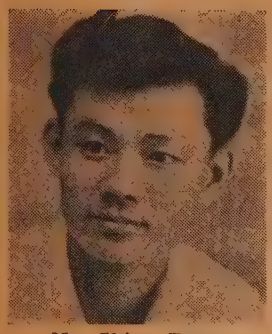
Mrs. Ho

Ho Seng Ong

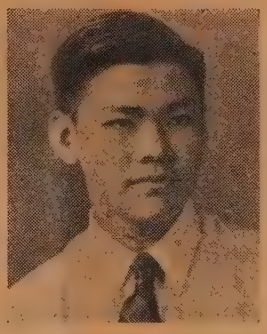
Mrs. Tan Ah Eng

T. R. Doraisamy

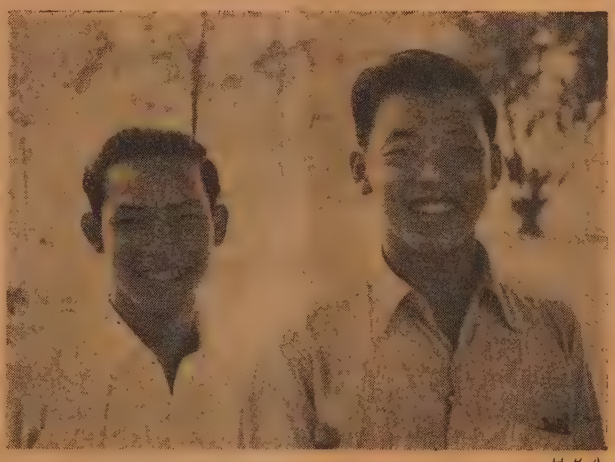
Our 1948 Crusade scholars to America from Seremban, Penang, and Singapore



Ng Chiau Beng
of Penang



Earnest Lau
of Singapore

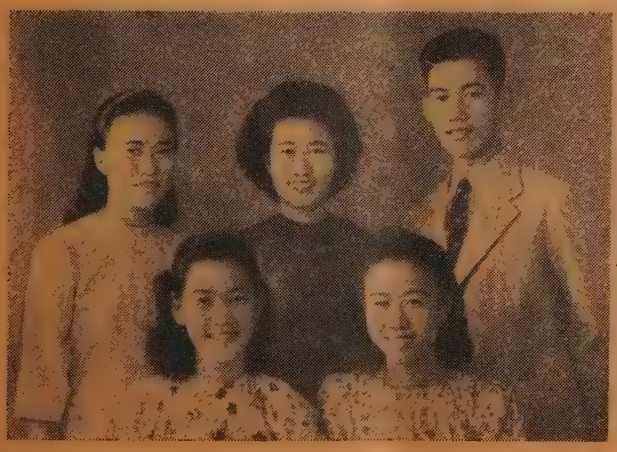


—*H.B.A.*

Syn Wai Mun Albert Goh
of Singapore

# Students in the U.S.A.

**MALAYAN STUDENTS, these postwar years, have been seeking higher education in America in large numbers. Here are some of the Methodist students who have gone there to various Universities. We have students in Boston, Northwestern, California, DePauw, Purdue, Georgia Tech, Oberlin, Illinois Wesleyan, Baker, Denver, Johns Hopkins, Chicago, Oregon State, Willamette, Duke, Morningside and Bowling Green.**

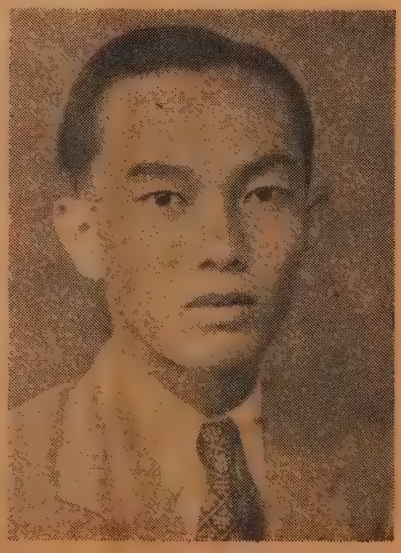


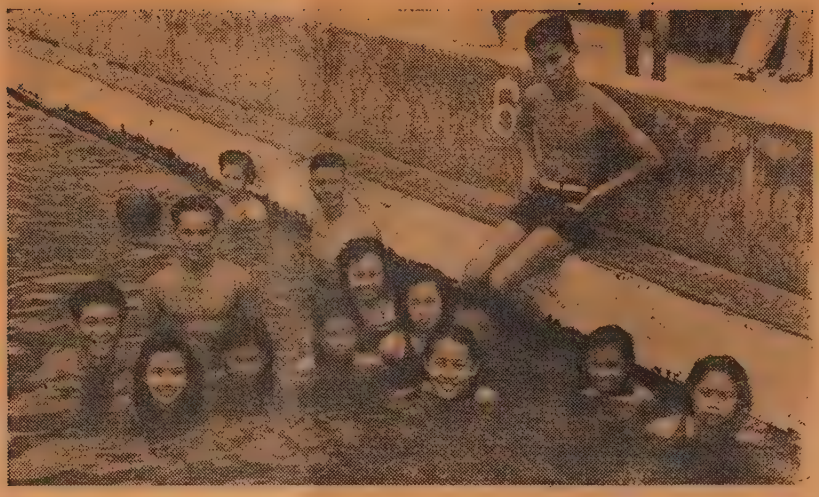
Left:

Mr. Tan Toh Kee
and Sisters of Ipoh

Right:

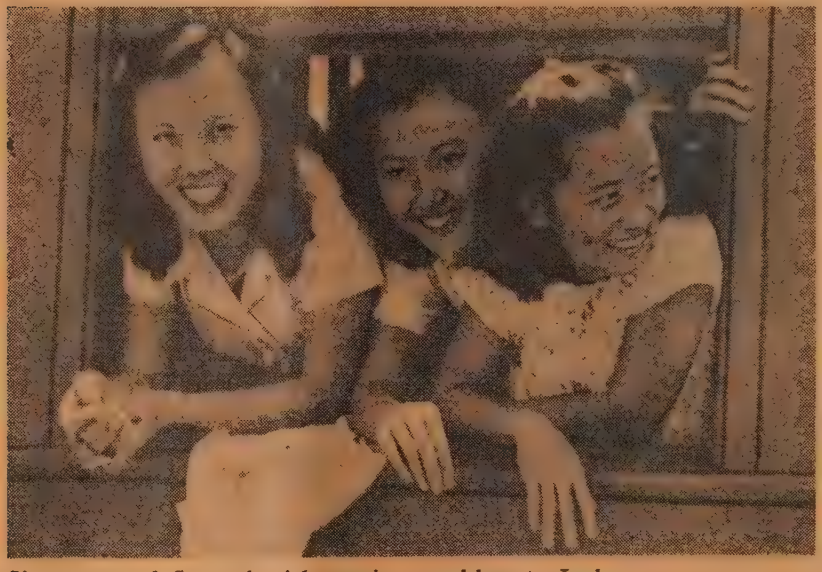
Yap Kim Hao of
Ipoh





Happy Singapore youth at a picnic

Their first train ride



Singapore and Sarawak girls waving good-bye to Ipoh friends on their return from the All-Malayan Institute

## M. Y. F.

METHODIST YOUTH are taking an ever increasing part in the work of the Church in Malaya. In April 1948 over five-hundred from all over the country attended the first post-war Institute which was held in Ipoh, our chief Methodist centre in the State of Perak.

Fairfield Chapel M. Y. F. picnic devotional hour

Malayan delegates, three of whom are Methodists, to the Student Christian Movement Conference held in Ceylon December 1948

Penang Chinese Church M. Y. F. Cabinet

A birthday party for a popular M.Y.F. leader

An upper class at Methodist Girls' School, Singapore

OUR METHODIST YOUTH in Church, Day schools, and the newly founded Malayan University, can hold their own with the young people from any part of the world.

Mr. Lee Young Kiat, son of the late Mr. Lee Choon Eng, has had an exciting school career and won many prizes and scholarships and now has been awarded a six year Government scholarship to the College of Medicine, Singapore. Mr. Lee is a member of the Straits Chinese M. Y. F.

Miss Tan Joo Liat is a graduate of the Methodist Girls' School, Singapore and was awarded a Raffles' College scholarship for a three year Science Course.

Telok Anson church compound showing the residences of Tamil and Chinese pastors.

Our three pastors in Telok Anson

View of the town padang showing the famous leaning tower of T. A.

—*H.B.A.*

TELOK ANSON is a prosperous town of forty-thousand inhabitants located near the mouth of the Perak River, but due to its location some thirty miles from the main up-country high way, is seldom visited by the average traveller. In this busy center we have a strong Methodist Programme. In 1928 the school had outgrown its shell and had to be added to; this year we have acquired a new site and are planning on building a new school to house twice the number of students we had pre-war. The lovely church building was built before the war. Its location is very central and the church faces a large public park and thus will never be surrounded by other buildings.

The Anglo-Chinese School

—*H.B.A.*

The Methodist church which serves three congregations

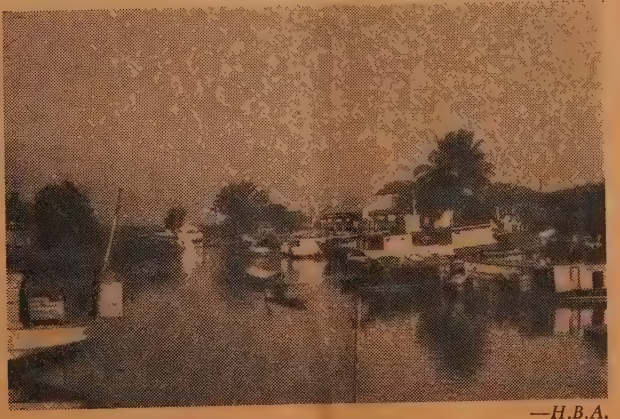
# Telok Anson

Ipoh District M. Y. F. Rally held at Telok Anson

# Methodism in Borneo

This map shows the strategic location the Methodists have in Sibu, Sarawak, Borneo. The shaded areas are Methodist property. On the island we are in the very center of things and just between the business and residential districts. On Telephone Road we have about eight acres on which will be located the Summers Memorial High School and two boarding schools for boys and girls, and eventally another missionary residence.

The Church at Twenty-Four acres on the Rejang River, Sarawak



—H.B.A.

A typical scene at Sibu

Church and School at Kui Nga Geng

—McGraw

Church and temporary school building at Mador

Typical Methodist Churches in Sarawak

—Baughman

The old Pasar at Song on the Rajang River

The Kindergarten at Twenty-Four acres

—H.B.A.

Mr. Ling Kai Cheng,
Lay leader for Sarawak.

## Sibu
## Sarawak
## Borneo

FROM THE METHODIST Headquarters in Sibu on the Rejang River of Sarawak our work branches out in all directions in a great river delta area, ministering to Chinese and Iban (Dyak) people.

—H.B.A.

Sitia Mamora and Elizabeth Manoeroeng children of our two Batak workers on the staff of the Iban Boys' School at Kapit

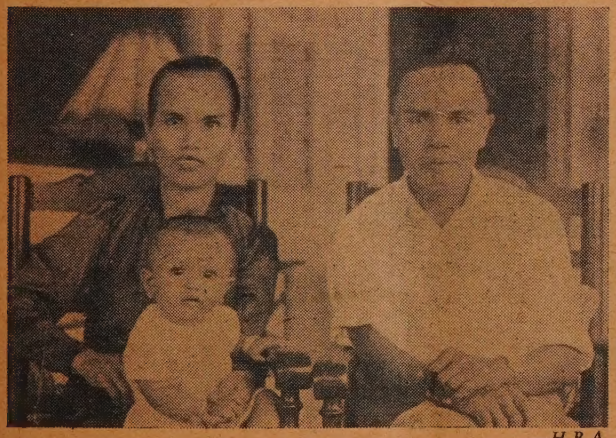
—Baughman

Scene on a long house verandah during a feast

Dresses made of beads weighing many pounds are worn on ceremonial occasions

Rev. and Mrs. Lucius Mamora
Mr. Mamora has been with the Kapit work since its inception in 1940

These two couples have come over from Sumatra to help us in the Iban work. They are from the Batak race whose ancestors were cannibals.

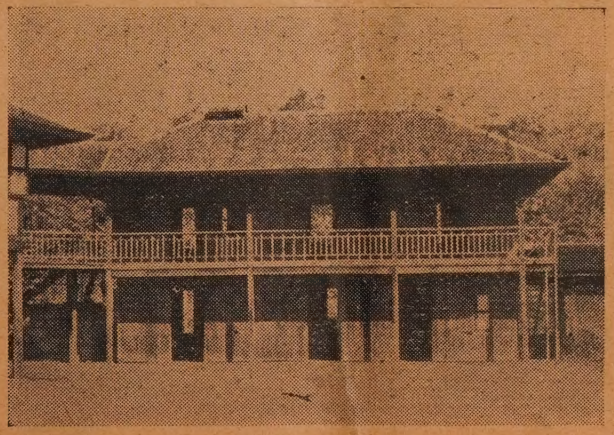


—H.B.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Djaleb Manoeroeng and Elizabeth, new assistants in the Kapit work

## Head Hunters of Borneo

THE HEADQUARTERS of our work among the Iban people is at Kapit on the Rejang River. Here we have residences for our Missionaries and a hostel for the students. The Rev. and Mrs. Burr Baughman are in charge of this work and are assisted by Rev. and Mrs. Mamora and Mr. and Mrs. Manoeroeng. The prewar boys' School was reopened in 1948 and a girls' school was opened in 1949. No Iban people have been baptized as yet.



The Boys' hostel of the Methodist Iban School, Kapit

—*Baughman*

**Youth and old age in an Iban long-house**

THE METHODIST CHURCH began its work among the Iban (Dyak) people in Sarawak in 1940 and had established a Boys' School in 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Mamora kept the work going during the war years.

—*Baughman*

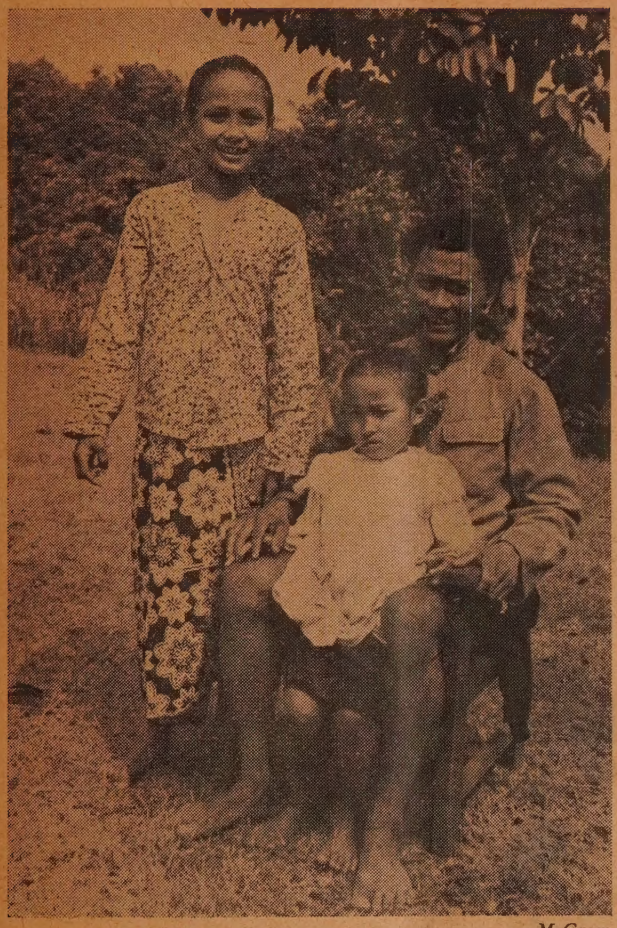
**Group of Iban people in typical dress**

—*H.B.A.*

**The verandah of Penghulu Jingott's long-house**

—*H.B.A.*

**Penghulu Jinggot (right) and friend holding head of a Japanese who had killed his father**



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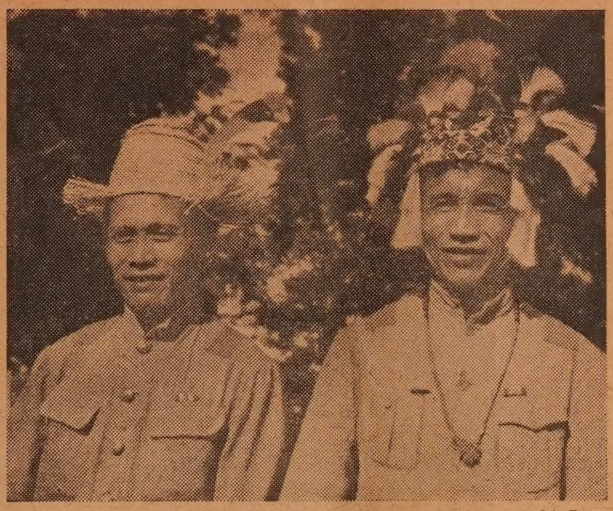
**Penghulu Sibat and two daughters, the elder of which, Bawang, is one of the first girls to join the newly opened girls' department.**

THE PICTURES illustrate what friendly people these Dyaks are and how closely akin racially they are to the Malay people.



—*McGraw*

**Penghulus Sibat and Jugah—two great friends of our Mission**

**At the Mission landing, Kapit**

—*Baughman*

**An Iban (Dyak) couple**

—*Baughman*

**An Iban Family**

—*S. F. Owen*

**A typical Malayan tin mine palong. After the mud, bearing the tin ore has been pumped up to a series of terraces on which the heavy tin ore drops, the muddy water flows off into a retaining basin. Tin is one of the principal exports of Malaya and these palongs are a common sight in Selangor and Perak.**